



Coalition to Keep Indiana Warm



LIHEAP Coalition Update on Senator Sanders' S. 3186, the Warm in Winter and Cool in Summer Act

Update on Senator Sanders' S. 3186, the Warm in Winter and Cool in Summer Act:

Thanks to all of you for your calls and outreach to your Senators urging them to support Senator Sanders' bill, S. 3186, which provides an additional \$2.53 billion in LIHEAP funding for FY 2008 split evenly between the LIHEAP allocation formula and LIHEAP emergency contingency. Unfortunately the vote to end debate on the bill failed to achieve the 60 votes necessary. While 50 Senators voted "yea," 35 voted "nay" (with 15 not voting). Senator Reid switched his "yea" vote to a "nay" at the end of the vote to preserve the ability to bring the bill up at a later point in the session. Essentially, the LIHEAP bill was caught up in the politics of a broader range of energy issues, including energy speculation and energy supply.

To view the roll call vote go to the Library of Congress website, Thomas, at:
http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=2&vote=00187.

We expect another big push for critical additional LIHEAP funding when Congress returns from the August break in September. Please be advised that August will be an important month to reach out to your Senators and Representatives about the urgent need for additional funding. We will keep you posted on Congressional efforts.

[Sen. Sanders' press release re the vote:
<http://www.sanders.senate.gov/news/record.cfm?id=301382>]

Thank you for all of your hard work in support of LIHEAP.

Sincerely,

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Coalition to Keep Indiana Warm 2008 Meeting Dates

September 18, 2008
November 20, 2008

Purpose: To increase public awareness of low-income energy issues and develop and implement strategies that address these issues through a collaboration of consumers, utilities, service providers and government agencies.

Is heat pouring in from your windows?

Windows provide free light, but the sun can make your home into an oven. Here are things you can do:

1. Close your curtains and shades by 9 o'clock each morning – especially for windows facing south or west.
2. When not using air conditioning, open windows on the shady side of the house.
3. Install awnings or plant trees and shrubs to block direct rays of the sun.

FYI

The Summer Cool and Summer Fill Programs will end on August 29, 2008. Summer Cool and Summer Fill are part of the overall Energy Assistance Program. They are administered locally by the Community Action Agency network. Summer Cool provides a \$50 electric credit to eligible households and Summer Fill provides a fuel delivery in advance of the cold winter months. The actual Energy Assistance Program for 2008-09 will begin taking applications on October 6, 2008 for the upcoming heating season.

Indiana 211

Indiana 211 Partnership, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization which administers the usage of the 2-1-1 dialing code. The 2-1-1 dialing code is easy access to the health and human service information needed by Hoosiers to lead fuller and healthier lives. This includes information and referral to:

- Resources to meet basic human needs (e.g. food, housing, utilities, etc.)
- Resources for physical and mental health
- Resources for finding and maintaining employment
- Specialized resources for children, youth, family, the elderly, persons with disabilities and persons living on the margins of the community
- Connections with opportunities for Hoosiers to give time, talent, energy and material resources to help meet community needs.

IN211 Centers received nearly 275,000 calls in 2007. Nearly 10% of those calls were from people needing utility payment assistance or information on utility conservation. For more information, go to www.in211.org.

THE HOME DEPOT LAUNCHES NATIONAL CFL BULB RECYCLING INITIATIVE

Also Implementing In Store Energy Conservation Program

ATLANTA, June 24, 2008 – The Home Depot®, the world's largest home improvement retailer, today expanded its long-term commitment to the environment and sustainability by launching a national in-store, consumer compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulb recycling program at all 1,973 The Home Depot locations. This free service is the first such offering made so widely available by a retailer in the United States and offers customers additional options for making environmentally conscious decisions from purchase to disposal. The Home Depot Canada launched a CFL recycling program in November, 2007.

For more on this story, follow the below link.

<http://ir.homedepot.com/releasedetail.cfm?releaseid=317987>

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Win a Home Energy Efficiency Makeover – Budget Bill Promotion

Enroll in or remain on Vectren's Budget Bill program now through September 30, 2008 and you'll be automatically entered to win a free Home Energy Efficiency Makeover – up to a \$5,000 value!

Budget Bill is the best way to manage the payments of your winter heating costs. Plus, with your enrollment, you could win a Home Energy Efficiency Makeover.

If your account is already active in the Budget Bill program or you enroll in Budget Bill from June 1, 2008 through September 30, 2008, you'll be automatically entered to win. (See official contest rules below)

Win a Home Energy Efficiency Makeover - Official Contest Rules

Home Energy Efficiency Makeover Details

The winning customer will receive a home energy inspection/audit by qualified professionals. As part of the program, the inspectors will test your home's energy efficiency and offer solutions to reduce overall energy consumption. They will also test your combustion appliances—those with pilot lights or open flames—to be sure they're operating safely.

The Home Energy Efficiency Makeover, depending on the winner's needs and results of the home inspection, may include up to \$5,000 in home improvements and upgrades all designed to help lower energy bills. Measures installed/performed could include the following high-efficiency appliances and weatherization services:

- High efficiency water heater
- High efficiency furnace
- Programmable thermostat
- ENERGY STAR® clothes washer and dryer
- Compact fluorescent light bulbs
- Weather stripping for windows and doors
- Insulation to the attic or walls; and
- Caulk spray to seal areas around metal pipes and wires that enter and exit the home.

NOTE - If the winning customer does not own the property then the measures installed or performed would only include non-permanent items such as compact fluorescent light bulbs and weather stripping. Customer would be required to obtain written approval from the property owner before permanent measures could be installed or performed.

How to Enter

Residential customers already active in the Budget Bill program

Vectren Energy Delivery residential natural gas and electric customers whom are active in the Budget Bill program as of June 1, 2008 are automatically entered in the contest. There is no need to e-mail or call Vectren to confirm your entry.

Residential customers not active in the Budget Bill program

Vectren Energy Delivery residential natural gas and electric customers must enroll in the Budget Bill program between June 1, 2008 and September 30, 2008. There is no need to e-mail or call Vectren to confirm your entry; all transactions/enrollments are monitored and automatically recorded at the time of enrollment in the Vectren Budget Bill program.